rescheduled/restructured. Interest outstanding to be clubbed with principal outstanding as on 31 st March 2004, and the amount thus arrived to be repaid over a period of 5 years at current interest rates, including a moratorium of 2 years.

2. *Farmers in arrears, i.e.* those who have become ineligible for fresh credit as their earlier debts have been categorized as sub-standard or doubtful, to be given debt relief in the form of rescheduling of loans in default so that such farmers will become eligible for fresh finance.

3. *OTS for small and marginal farmers*—A one time settlement scheme for defaulting small and marginal farmers who have become ineligible for fresh credit from lending institutions to enable them to settle their accounts in a transparent manner and thereafter access fresh credit.

4. Assistance to the extent of Rs. 11710 crore has been provided under debt relief to farmers in distress, arrears and through OTS as on 31st March 2005. In 2005-06, Rs. 558 crore has been provided as debt relief till May, 2005.

5. Farmers who face acute distress because of the heavy burden of debt from non-institutional lenders (e.g. Money lenders) were given advance loans by banks to provide them relief from indebtedness. 16758 farmers indebted to informal sources have been provided assistance of Rs. 57 crore as on 31st March 2005.

Qualification of insurance surveyors

*192. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to make only Chartered Accountants and Engineers to qualify as insurance surveyors;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what will happen to the existing insurance surveyors who are not Engineers or Chartered Accountants?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA), which grants licence to surveyors, has reported that there is no proposal to make only Chartered Accountants and Engineers eligible to qualify as insurance surveyors.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.